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KIDS' COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLASSES Central Library Offering a 3-Class Series Starting April 27

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The Santa Barbara Public Library System is partnering with Santa Barbara Makerspace to offer elementary school kids a chance to learn beginning programming skills in a fun environment. Starting April 27, 2013, the Central Library will host three classes on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The classes will be consecutive weeks and are designed to build on each other. The Central Library is located at 40 East Anapamu Street in downtown Santa Barbara.

The classes will be limited to ten students between the ages of 8 and 12, and registration is required. To register for the three classes, go to the Library's website at <u>SBPLibrary.org</u> and click on the Calendar of Events, look for Beginning Kids Programming on April 27, and register. You may also call the Children's section at 805-564-5603 to register.

Santa Barbara Makerspace is a group of makers and developers in the community who love building things. This is the first program in the partnership, and the Library and Santa Barbara Makerspace plan to develop further classes and open nights to provide additional opportunities for makers and developers of all ages. On Tuesday, May 21st, there will be a public forum for people interested in finding out more about makerspaces and what they have to offer to the community.

For more information about this program, contact the Santa Barbara Central Library at 805-564-5603, or your local branch. Visit the library system's website <u>SBPLibrary.org</u> to find out about this and other programs at the Santa Barbara Public Libraries. All library programs are FREE and open to the public.

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